

Aggressive Driving

You are driving aggressively if you:

- Follow too closely.
- Operate vehicle unsafely.
- Unsafely stop or slow down.
- Unnecessarily use horn.
- Fail to yield.
- Fail to obey a traffic signal.
- Drive at an unsafe speed.
- Repeatedly flash headlights.
- Intentionally harass or intimidate another person in another vehicle.

Aggressive driving fatalities are on a continuous rise.

In 2007, young drivers exhibited the highest incidents of aggressive driving behavior.⁹

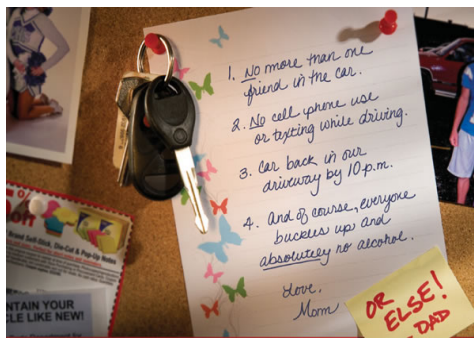
⁹ Indiana Traffic Safety Facts: Dangerous Driving

2007; Center for Criminal Justice Research [http://](http://www.in.gov/cji/files/DangDriving_Pr7.pdf)

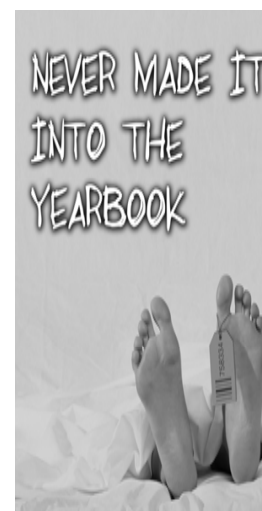
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GDL Law Graduated Drivers License

- A license issued to an individual less than 18 years of age is a probationary license.
- An individual with a probationary license may not drive during the following hours:
 - Between 1 a.m. & 5 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday.
 - After 11 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday.
 - Before 5 a.m. on Monday through Friday.
- No passengers are allowed for the first 90 days of the probationary license period.
 - Exception: a passenger who holds a valid drivers license and is at least 21 years of age may be present in the front seat of the motor vehicle.
- All occupants of the motor vehicle must have a safety belt properly fastened at all times when the motor vehicle is in motion.
- An individual receives an unrestricted drivers license when the individual is at least 18 years of age.



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Sobriety Wins: Alcohol Kills

DID YOU KNOW?

*** Adolescents who abuse alcohol may remember 10% less of what they've learned.¹**

***Alcohol abuse may lead to suicidal and violent behavior, criminal activity, injury and death.¹**

*** More than 40% of individuals who begin drinking before the age of 15 will develop alcohol abuse at some time in their lives.¹**

*** Nationally, 25% of 15-20 year old drivers killed in vehicle crashes were legally intoxicated.³**

*** In 2007 alone, 834 citations were given to Indiana drivers aged 18-24 for operating while intoxicated.**

¹ *Keep Kids Alcohol Free: Strategies for Action*; National Institutes of Health Publication No. 01-4780
http://www.doe.in.gov/sdfsc/prevent_underage_drinking.html

² *Indiana Traffic Safety Facts: Alcohol 2007*; Center for Criminal Justice Research

³ National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:
<http://nhtsa.gov>

Don't Drive Intoxicated!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Some studies show that 19-24 year olds who text-message while driving may be 23% slower to brake⁴
- Teens who do not text take their eyes off the road 10% of the time, compared to teens that take their eyes off the road 40% of the time when they do text⁵

Safety Text Dictionary!

BRB – “Be Responsible & Buckle”

LMAO – “Limit Music and Occupants”

WTH – “What’s the Hurry?”

IDTS – “Inattentive Driving=Teen Statistic”

IDK – “Impaired Driving Kills”

MYOB – “Make Your Occupants Buckle”

⁴ *Text Msgs and other driving distractions*; Sachs, Robert L.

⁵ *Communications of the ACM*; April 2007/Vol. 50, No. 4

Safety Belts Save Lives!

DID YOU KNOW?

- U.S. motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15-20 year olds.⁶
- Seatbelt use increases an occupant’s chances of survival by 45%.⁷
- In Indiana, nearly 36% of individuals who were unrestrained during a crash were ejected from the vehicle.⁷
- The annual estimated cost of a crash involving drivers between the ages of 15 and 20 years old is \$42.3 billion.⁸

Every seat. every trip. every time!



⁶ <http://www.nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/cats/index.aspx>

⁷ *Occupant Protection 2007*: <http://www.in.gov/cji/2572.htm>

⁸ AAA: Indiana Graduated Drivers Licensing Coalition
<http://www.aaa.com/aaa/023/hmc/pa/gdl/statistics.htm>